

CUMMING TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting

September 4, 2025

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: All board members present.

Others present were: Jane & Jim Redmond; Andrea Popvich; Kathy Maestas; Matt Polzin; Tim Woelkers Jr; Duane Pelfrey; Ron Chapman; Louanne Rosebrugh; Rose Quackenbush; Pat Robinson; Connie Malecek; Michelle Berk; Tom Minto; LeRoy Minto; Linda Hall.

Ron questioned if there were any additions to the agenda; Fred stated that he wanted to talk about when the attorney is contacted.

Jan T made a motion, seconded by Fred, to accept the previous monthly meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Jan F presented the following changes to the Monthly Payments Report: General Ck #4084 should be \$8,778.68; General Ck #4085 should be recorded as \$30.92. Jan F made a motion, seconded by Teena, to pay the bills. Roll Call Vote: Ron – Yes, Fred -Yes, except the attorney bill, Jan T – Yes, Teena – Yes, Jann F –Yes. Motion carried. Jan F asked that all invoices and vouchers are turned in no later than the Monday before the regular meetings; if the regular meeting is moved, a date will be determined. She also asked that everyone uses an expense voucher and that it is signed.

Fred reported that nothing has been done with the control panel at the sewer station.

Fred stated that the abatement in the bathrooms and furnace room was done on September 3; bathrooms will be remodeled soon; he gave a list of completed projects. Fred stated they opened the attic and the ventilation was good; they moved the files into the small office and now it smells. Jan F stated the files should not smell; it is the file cabinets. Discussion was held regarding purchasing new file cabinets.

Fred gave the RC Fire report, which included: two (2) fire runs for Cumming Township. Fred stated the individuals that were living in said home were renters and the owner was deceased, living out of state. Discussion was held. Tim Woelkers also spoke regarding these fire runs. Jan F questioned Tim Woelkers about the Fire Withholding Program; he is looking into what the fire dept is required to do.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: still looking for an Administrative Assistant; the transmission went out in one of the food delivery trucks; meals are still up.

Jan T gave the Transfer Station report, which included: going great; a thorough cleaning was done. She also reported that she would like to purchase a shop vac; she has been using her personal shop vac. Jan T stated that Speed Tech contacted her, they were in the area, so they asked if they could do the annual maintenance. Everything is wonderful, oil was clear, the compactor was greased inside and out. Ron made a motion, seconded by Teena, to approve the purchase of a shop vac for the Transfer Station. Roll Call Vote: Teena Ron, Jan T, Fred, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried.

Ron gave the Assessor's report, which included: presented the 2025 L-4029 (Cumming Township and DNR) and Henderson Lake Weed Control Special Assessment, discussion was held. Ron made a motion, seconded by Fred, to approve the 2025 L-4029 (Cumming Township and DNR) and Henderson Lake Weed Control Special Assessment. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Fred, Jan T, Teena, Jan F – All Yes. Motion carried. Ron stated there will be a December BOR, the date will be determined.

Ron reported that Bill Olsen emailed the HL report, which included: everything is up to date; muck buster will be spread in certain areas. Ron Chapman stated that Bill Olsen couldn't ZOOM because the WIFI is not connected. Jan F stated that she reported previously that the WIFI would be re-connected when the back office was completed. Teena stated she needs WIFI by September 15.

Matt Polzin gave the RC Area Community Center report, which included: the Auction will be held on September 13, volunteers are needed; re-zoning needed to be done, to B1; improvements are being made for rentals; a craft show will be held on November 15. Ron questioned if the roof was inspected; Matt Polzin stated yes, some improvements have been made, some leaks are by the vents. Discussion was held. Matt Polzin also reported that three (3) pickle ball courts have been painted, and the committee is working on rental rates.

Teena reported that all monies have been moved from Huntington Bank to Mercantile Bank, except in the General Account. She will move all money, except \$1,000. Teena gave the interest for August 2025, she stated that the CD interest is listed but will not be paid until maturity; also, the Tax Account interest was taken away, the Tax Account cannot receive interest.

Fred stated the attorney had a discussion with Ron; they talked about the vent sale; this was never brought to the board. Much discussion was held, including: Jan F asking for all bids, approved and not approved, many times; it is important that the board receives everything on a project; what was asked of the attorney; the vent hood that was given away. Other discussion was held regarding Ron contacting the Health Dept; he stated that he had questions, so he asked Jan T to meet with the Health inspector himself, then dismissed her when Fred came to the hall. Ron and Fred then had a discussion with the Health inspector. Discussion was held regarding contacting MTA before contacting the attorney. Fred presented a list of items to be disposed of. Fred made a motion, seconded by Jan T, to get bids for the list of items to be disposed; this will be posted at the hall, Transfer Station, and on the website. Motion carried. Fred made a motion, seconded by Teena, that issues be talked about with the board before contacting the attorney. Motion carried. Teena stated Policies and Procedures need to be worked on. Fred asked Matt Polzin to meet him at the RC Area Community Center to check for locking, 3-4 drawer, fireproof file cabinets (2); stainless steel cart; small printer stand; adult desks; worktable for office. Discussion was held.

Ron stated there is a dispute with the Sheriff's office and the Commissioners. Discussion was held.

LeRoy Minto stated that he sent an email to the board members, with two (2) ideas and it wasn't brought up: 1) another table so all board members could face the audience, and (2) purchase a PA System so the board could be heard. He asked: what is the timeline for completing of the hall remodel; who is the contractor, are they licensed and insured; more abatement, why wasn't it done with the first abatement; who will take responsibility for this project; wood is not good in a commercial kitchen, why wasn't stainless steel used, he has bid for stainless steel, hall is devalued because now it is a commercial kitchen; the vent and fan were taken out, where did it go; where are all the bids; why was this project started, the board is supposed to be good stewards of the township. Matt Polzin questioned how much the hall rental is; Teena stated \$50. Teena stated money was put into the hall, it needed to be maintained and money was invested quite well. Duane Pelfrey stated that the question still needs to be answered about where the money went; money spent was voted on. Duane Pelfrey questioned the wood countertops; Fred stated they still need more sealant. Teena stated stainless steel can still be put on the center countertop.

Jan F made a motion, seconded by Ron to adjourn at 7:28pm. Motion carried.